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SUBJECT: KENYA-UGANDA BORDER INCIDENTS

REF: NAIROBI 3515

1. NAIROBI PRESS APRIL 9 CARRIED ACCOUNTS OF UGANDAN
BORDER RAID OF APRIL 1 IN WHICH FIVE KENYANS KILLED.
"STANDARD" GAVE STORY BANNER TREATMENT, HEADLINED "UGANDA
ARMY KILLS FIVE KENYAN," WHILE "NATION" DOWNPLAYED IT
BACK PAGE AND OMITTED MENTION OF UGANDAN ARMY'S ROLE.
BOTH STORIES SKIMPY ON DETAIL AND BASED ON LOCAL POLICE
REPORTS FROM KAPENGURIA, WHERE RAID OCCURRED.

2. "NATION" ACCOUNT INCLUDED REFERENCE TO 6 UGANDAN
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SOLDIERS HELD FOR QUESTIONING AFTER TWO UGANDAN ARMY
HELICOPTERS LANDED INSIDE KENYA AT KAPSABET. QUOTING

"RELIABLE SOURCES," "NATION" SAID THE CAPTURED TROOPS WERE ARMED WITH SOVIET-MADE GUNS AND CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN FORCED TO LAND WHEN FUEL RAN OUT.

3. FORMER FONMIN MUNGAI, A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF KENYATTA, HAS PUBLICLY CALLED ON GOK TO "LODGE A STRONG PROTEST TO PRESIDENT AMIN" OVER THE KAPENGURIA KILLINGS. AS QUOTED IN FRONT-PAGE "STANDARD" STORY APRIL 12, MUNGAI CONDEMNED THE KILLINGS, CRITICIZED AMIN'S "INABILITY TO CONTAIN THE SITUATION IN HIS COUNTRY," AND CHARGED AMIN IS "ARMING HIMSELF TO THE TEETH" INSTEAD OF PROVIDING FOOD FOR HIS PEOPLE. (MUNGAI DREW AMIN'S FIRE IN FEBRUARY FOR HIS PUBLIC CRITICISM OF AMIN FOLLOWING AIRING OF GOU TERRITORIAL CLAIMS ON KENYA.)

4. STUDENTS AT NAIROBI UNIVERSITY HAVE CALLED UPON GOK TO SUSPEND EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS WITH UGANDA "UNTIL MAKERERE UNIVERSITY CEASES TO BE A MILITARY PLAYGROUND." THE STUDENT APPEAL, WHICH RECEIVED BANNER TREATMENT IN APRIL 12 "STANDARD," SPECIFICALLY CITED DISAPPEARANCE ESTHER CHESIRE AND RECENT ACCOUNTS OF FLOGGING INNOCENT KENYANS (REFTEL).

5. EFFORTS BY MPS TO HAVE FULL PARLIAMENTARY AIRING OF KENYA-UGANDA RELATIONS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TUESDAY WHEN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY RECONVENES.

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